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TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

As another year has closed, we again as Selectmen of Northfield submit our Annual Report for your consideration.

We have to report the past year for highways and bridges quite an excess of former years, owing to the condition of the Culverts in the Spring being all frozen and filled up, and which was the cause of a large share of the wash of the highways. We have had to put in new ones at quite a heavy expense, both in labor and material. We have had to pay quite a large bill for breaking out of roads last Spring as well as the present winter. We think the town would have better roads for the money raised if they owned their teams and hired its help to work them. As Overseers of Poor we have to report an increase in our Poor account as there were some old bills unsettled last year.

We have at Mr. O. H. Doolittle's, Charles Stratton, and Amy Marsh. We have as you will see quite a number that have to be aided outside. As the contract of Mr. Doolittle with the town expires April 4, next, some action will have to be taken at your annual meeting. We have reported in our Financial condition of the town a balance against the town of $1,198.07, owing in part to highway damages.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year: Highways $1,600, contingent and support of Poor $3,000, town debt $500.

TOWN WARRANT.

March 5, 1894, 9 a. m.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the various town officers and committees and act thereon.

Art. 4. To vote by separate ballot "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the jury list, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will fix a date after which unpaid taxes shall bear interest, determine the rate of said interest, or act anything thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 9. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before a certain date, fix the date and determine the rate of discount, or act anything thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the cemeteries in the town, or act anything thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to build a macadamized, gravelled sidewalk on Parker street from Main street to the Railroad grounds, said walk to be made at a suitable grade, elevation and width, not to interfere with the shade trees thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will replace the wooden bridge on Main street across Mill brook, so called, with an iron one, raise and appropriate any money for that purpose, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the support of its poor.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to pay O. H. Doolittle an additional sum above the price named in his contract for the support of the poor, for the board and care of Charles Stratton, or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the G. A. R. Post in the observance of Decoration Day.

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
HENRY C. HOLTON,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

JURY LIST 1894.

Nelson G. Hilliard,
Clifford I. Holton,
Clarence A. Randall,
Roswell E. Dickinson,
Melvin J. Coller,
Samuel C. Holton,
Jairus L. Hammond,
Albert Whitaker,
Edward B. Murdock,
Charles A. Moulton,
Charles H. Green,
Thomas R. Callender,
Charles C. Stearns,
Rufus Phillips,
Warren S. Osgood,
Osgood L. Leach,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Ambert G. Moody,
William D. Morgan,
James T. Cummings,
William H. Caldwell,
John H. Bolton,
William M. Moore,
Joseph R. Colton,
Charles P. Britton,
Sumner L. Gates.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Valuation of real estate,	$739,939 00	
" " personal estate,	119,342 00	
Total valuation May 1, 1893,		$859,281 00

No. of polls,	461
" " persons assessed,	690
" " persons assessed on property,	575
" " persons assessed for poll tax only,	115
" " resident tax payers,	558
" " non-resident tax payers,	132
" " horses assessed,	495
" " cows,	759
" " sheep,	229
" " neat cattle,	274
" " swine,	174
" " dwelling houses,	381
" " acres of land,	19,051

ASSESSMENT FOR 1893.

State tax,	$975 00	
County tax,	1333 68	
		$2308 68

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 6, 1893.

Schools in general,	$2800 00	
repairs,	300 00	
text books and supplies,	300 00	
conveyance,	100 00	
		$3500 00
Contingent and support of poor,		3000 00
Library,		175 00
Decoration Day,		50 00

Highways, general repairs,	$1600 00	
special for clay in Dist. No. 3,	400 00	
gravel, Highland ave.,	100 00	
		$2100 00
Improvements in cemeteries,		265 00
Hearse house,		150 00
Payment on town debt,		500 00
Overlay,		45 25
		$12,093 93
Raised on polls,	$922 00	
Raised on personal estate,	1551 94	
Raised on real "	9619 99	
		$12,093 93
Taxes on each poll,		$2 00
Rate on $1000,		13 00

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
H. C. HOLTON,
} Assessors of Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

For 1893-94.

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, '94,	$169 46
" Miss Mary Coughlin to June 1, '94,	70 11

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Miss Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, '94,	231 67

MASS. STATE FARM, BRIDGEWATER.

Board of Charles Parker,	146 40

O. H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, '94,	117 00
" " Nellie Stanford to Feb. 1, '94,	122 50

TOWN OF MONTAGUE.

To aid Mrs. Geo. Doolittle and children, '91, '92, '93,	286 63
" board H. D. Thayer of same children,	38 00
" " Annie Mason " "	38 00

MRS. MICHAEL MALLEY.

Board and care of Cornelius McDavitt,	50 00
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	14 75

CITY OF LOWELL.

To aid Fred Whitney and family,	3 50

TOWN OF WATERTOWN.

To aid A. Watson's children, 18 10

TOWN OF BELMONT.

To aid A. Watson's children, 39 33

TOWN OF BERNARDSTON.

To aid Mrs. Alva Kimplin, 32 00

TOWN OF WINCHENDON.

Aid A. Richards and wife, 16 25

J. Q. A. BRYANT.

To goods furnished A. Richards and wife, 88 00

TOWN OF WARWICK.

To aid to Harrison Allen's family, 36 25

MISS JENNIE SYKES, WESTBORO.

To board of Mrs. Electia Stratton, 71 00

AID TO MRS. CHANCEY KIMPLIN.

F. V. Doolittle, house rent,	37 50	
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods, '92, '93,	99 56	
J. A. Williams, wood,	17 50	
Henry Doolittle, "	3 00	
		$157 56

TOWN OF MONTAGUE.

To aid furnished Dwight Cook,	31 02	
" " Cook, by Thos. Stratton,	51 50	
		$82 52

AID TO CHARLES LORD.

For board F. V. Doolittle to Feb. 1st, '94,	71 91
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	10 55

AID TO GAD. LYMAN.

By H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	5 00

AID TO JONATHAN LYMAN.

By C. H. Webster, goods,	5 00

AID TO CHARLES BRIGGS.

By Frank Webster,	11 89

AID TO CHARLES STRATTON.

By Russell Bixby,	5 75

AID TO EMERY WHITE, (Settlement,) NEW SALEM.

Charles Lyman, goods,	10 00

AID TO ASA KENISTON, (Settlement,) ASHBY.

Charles Lyman, goods,	7 43
Aid to Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	58 00
Aid to Mrs. Jonna Driscoll,	58 00
R. C. Ward, medical attendance, town poor,	6 25

AID TO WILLIAM SMITH AND WIFE.

C. H. Webster, goods,	$16 38	
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	18 37	
M. Hilliard,	11 00	
Fred Britton,	12 83	
Fred Atwood,	3 85	
		$62 43
		$2202 18

	Cr.	
By town of Ashby,	$7 43	
R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	83 94	
C. L. Robbins, guardian of Miss Mary Coughlin, from Mar. 18, '92 to June 1, '93,	91 46	
Due from town of Clinton for board of Mrs. Nellie Stanford,	122 50	
Due from town of New Salem for aid to Emery White,	10 00	
		$315 33
Total expense of Poor,		$1886 85

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
HENRY C. HOLTON,
} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.

CONTINGENT.

Central Vt. R. R. Co., toll, 1892,	$5 12
" " " 1893,	12 16
H. C. Holton, services as election officer, Nov., 1892,	4 00
" mowing cemetery, 1892,	2 00
" services as auditor, 1891 and '92,	5 00
Chas. Pomeroy, teller at annual meeting, 1892,	2 00
" election officer, Nov., 1892,	4 00
" services as Justice of Peace,	11 50
" abatement of tax on Perry farm, 1892,	3 95
" " " " 1893,	3 95
Dudley Johnson, " " "	3 95
C. L. Robbins, moderator at annual meeting,	2 50
" services as selectman, 1892,	100 64
Geo. J. Bacon, " " "	140 50
E. S. Bardwell, coal for town hall,	11 90
Wm. F. Flint, surveying for highways,	8 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	30 00
Geo. J. Bacon, sundry cash items,	25 30
E. A. Hall & Co., assessors' books,	1 20
Mrs. Margaret Ross, damages for injuries received because of an alleged defect in highway,	275 00
G. A. R. Post, for observance of Decoration Day,	50 00
Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on libraries,	75 00
Washburn & Heywood Chair Co., chairs for town hall,	8 00
American Ex. Co., charges on package,	50
M. T. Moore, posting warrants,	5 40
H. H. Mason, driving hearse,	16 50
" services as police officer,	5 00
" care of town clock,	15 00
" " library	4 00
" " town hall,	43 50
" return of deaths,	5 00
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs on road scraper,	8 60
R. C. Ward ,chairman of library committee, library appropriation,	175 00

Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on town hall,	102 00
E. A. Hall & Co., collector's book,	1 53
Orange Journal, printing list of poll-tax payers,	5 00
Frank Harness, mowing cemetery,	1 50
D. W. Burnham, "	1 50
H. C. Holton, " 1893,	2 00
F. G. Morgan, "	4 25
B. Morrison, "	2 25
W. F. Piper, labor and material in cemeteries on mountain,	41 12
B. Morrison, labor and material in cemetery, W. Northfield.	28 30
H. H. Mason, labor and material in cemetery, Center,	43 90
Amos Bigelow, labor in cemetery, Center,	28 28
Albert Clark, " " "	27 83
F. A. Hilliard, labor and material in cemetery at Farms,	22 61
George H. Hilliard, water rent,	5 00
H. B. Parker, "	3 00
S. A. Field estate, "	5 00
Mrs. H. W. Webster, "	5 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., "	10 00
Geo. Stedman, error in assessment of tax,	2 60
A. L. Pickett, derrick,	50 00
T. Quinlan, wood for town hall,	7 50
Chas. Pomeroy, teller at annual meeting, 1893,	2 00
Michael Cosgrove, error in assessment,	1 13
Warren S. Osgood, " "	39
Warren M. Hale, " "	1 30
Mrs. Phœbe Webb, " "	3 90
F. W. Doane, coal for town hall,	13 50
D. E. Crandall, printing notices,	3 25
Albert Marsh, error in assessment, 1892,	2 00
R. H. Smith Mfg. Co., wax seal,	1 50
H. H. Mason, building hearse house,	125 00
I. H. Ewers, labor at Munn's ferry,	31 50
G. W. Field, getting out boat at Munn's ferry in Nov. '93,	10 00
C. C. Duncan, balance for library, 1892,	64 99
A. R. Lyman, services as Registrar of Voters, 1892,	10 00
F. J. Stockbridge, " " " "	10 00
W. D. Crane, " " " "	10 00

O. L. Leach, services as selectman, 1892,	68	75
L. R. Smith, " school committee, 1892,	40	25
W. J. Wright, " " " "	53	25
A. A. Rice, " " " "	50	25
" " " " 1893,	11	10
R. C. Ward, " inspector of cattle,	6	25
Chauncy Bryant, officers' fees,	11	73
C. H. Webster, insurance on school house, dist. No. 2,	7	00
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest on loan,	180	00
A. D. Stearns, repairs on road scraper,	5	50
Chas. E. Pierce, dog license blanks,	2	37
Gazette & Courier, advertising,		60
C. H. Webster, goods for town hall,	16	35
Jas. Barry, labor at town hall,		52
E. A. Hall & Co., blank town warrants,		49
O. L. Leach, sundry cash items,	4	54
C. T. Bagnall, printing,	1	25
C. A. Davis, officers' fees,	8	54
F. A. Thomas, repairs on road scraper,	3	25
H. W. Montague, services as election officer, Nov.'93,	2	50
C. A. Ware, " " "	2	50
T. R. Callender, " " "	2	50
N. D. Alexander, " " "	2	50
C. A. Ware, " teller at annual meeting,	1	50
Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on school house No. 9,	17	87
State tax,	975	00
C. T. Bagnall, printing voting list,	4	50
" " stationery and printing,	6	15
C. X. Janes, splicing rope for derrick,		75
J. R. Casey, services as constable,	11	50
E. M. Dickinson, land damages,	100	00
M. H. Alkins, goods for town,	3	01
R. K. Caldwell, Collector, discount on taxes,	342	94
" " services as collector and constable, 1893,	122	00
L. T. Webster, services as auditor, 1891, 1892,	5	00
C. L. Robbins, sundry cash items,	7	00
H. C. Holton, sundry cash items,	3	30
M. T. Moore, collector, abatement sundry poor men's and absentees' taxes, 1892,	68	67
Clark Stebbins, error in assessment of tax, 1892,	1	25

Chas. X. Janes, military aid,	72 00
Emeline Mattoon, State aid,	48 00
Wm. Strange, "	6 00
Thos. Hart, "	40 00
D. W. Burnham, "	24 00
W. J. Wright, return of births,	5 50
" services as clerk and treasurer,	130 80
" sundry cash items,	14 34
M. Malley, error in assessment of tax, 1893,	32
County tax,	1333 68
	$5616 91

Payment on town debt, $500 00

HIGHWAY REPORT.

OLD BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

Charles Pomeroy, 1891,	7 50	
" " 1892,	7 50	
D. L. Preston, "	12 36	
Northfield Seminary "	82 75	
		$110 11

SNOW BILLS OF 1892-93.

Elliot I. Lyman,	1 35
D. McD. Ross,	1 40
J. E. Ross,	53
M. J. Coller and others,	8 02
S. S. Fisher,	16 35
Geo. E. Murdock,	1 67
James Barry,	1 80

C. M. Baldwin,	3 25
R. K. Caldwell,	11 38
O. E. Slate,	1 50
F. V. Wood, and others,	7 88
M. C. Miller,	2 25
L. C. Miller,	30
O. Wood,	45
E. C. Nash,	50
E. Gaines,	2 40
A. Coller, and others,	20 25
Timothy Crelan,	1 50
Byron Gillett,	1 50
M. G. Coller,	11 45
Ed. O'Keefe,	1 50
Fred J. Aldrich,	2 10
James Wall,	7 50
John Callaghan,	1 95
R. A. Simonds,	10 20
Fred H. Simonds,	4 95
Burton Ware,	1 80
James Cosgrove,	2 10
Geo. P. Wentworth,	45
H. C. Wentworth,	38
Wm. Wheelock,	2 55
Frank Harness,	1 47
Frank Whithead,	4 20
R. H. Winchester,	2 40
Thos. Quinlan,	4 30
John Crelan,	2 00
S. L. Gates,	1 00
H. O. Doolittle,	35
E. Holton,	65
John Grace,	75
F. A. Bigelow,	3 00
H. C. Holton,	7 00
Northfield seminary,	20 80
Jackson Arling,	5 40
Nelson Hilliard,	3 25
Walter Mack,	1 50
Frank Perold,	1 20
O. S. Davis,	4 00

P. W. Preston and others,	24 03	
F. B. Streeter,	3 60	
H. A. Stimpson,	1 20	
D. L. Preston and others,	19 85	
		$243 16

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Geo. Harrison,		labor,	16 05
Michael Cosgrove,		"	4 75
John Grace,		"	142 81
Ansel Coller and others,		"	122 11
Geo. B. Kenny,		"	111 28
Walter Mack,		"	12 77
John Smith,		"	31 58
Thos. Quinlan,		"	82 60
Thos. Clough,	new road,	"	39 00
Byron Gillett,		"	32 10
B. Morrison,		"	3 00
J. H. Robbins,		"	19 12
Frank Harness,		"	4 50
E. Bixby,		"	7 78
James Campbell,		"	54 65
Thos. Campbell,		"	36 00
Clark Stebbins,		"	75
John Stebbins,		"	75
Russell Bixby,		"	12 62
S. L. Gates,		"	42 00
Jas. Barry,		"	21 33
John Cassy,		"	34 04
John D. Cassy,		"	25 95
S. A. Fisher,		"	18 15
H. V. Prime,		"	51 25
E. Gaines,		"	10 50
H. W. Montague,		"	17 35
W. Morgan,		"	3 00
L. C. Miller,		"	68
E. C. Nash,		"	18 30
Patrick Pigot,		"	9 62

Fred Ruggles,	Labor,	75 95
S. Stickney,	"	1 05
E. Thornton,	"	3 40
Geo. Webster,	"	48 78
Albert Whitaker,	"	22 73
S. G. Titus,	"	121 35
Geo. A. Stearns, services as Supt. of highways, man and team,		673 98
A. H. Holton,		58 08
Charles Keett,		5 25
J. W. Leonard,		5 40
P. W. Preston and others,		62 88
Chas. O'Keefe,		2 40
K. H. Winchester,		3 89
A. D. Stearns,		7 00
J. Bump,	"	24 00
Jas. Newton,		21 00
G. M. Field,		124 45
F. G. Morgan,		75
Thos. Metcalf,		10 00
W. N. Osgood,		5 00
Horace Holton,		1 35
L. H. Clay,		90
Jerry Campbell,		7 50
F. B. Streeter,		2 55
Wm. Browning,		6 00
John Callaghan,		5 00
Wm. B. Pratt,		6 65
Cyril Lacompte,		4 21
Wm. Bain and others,		60 30
Chas. Stratton, '91,		2 00
John Coughlin,		2 40
Wright Arling,		2 50
John Crelan,		190 55
D. W. Burnham,		6 75
D. L. Preston,		24 61
Chas. Coller,		2 00
Joseph Clark,		1 00
Isaac Murdock,		8 10
John Dalton,		14 65

David Dale,	6 60
Morris Joyce,	1 00
R. K. Caldwell,	3 10
A. J. Arling,	6 00
Geo. Fuller,	24 00
John Dale,	1 50
Albert S. Stratton, '92 and '93,	26 00
H. H. Nash,	36 00
Alex. Holton,	1 66
B. A. Spencer,	95 20
C. P. Britton,	25 65
Hart Doolittle,	1 25
Gardner Coller,	18 00
Fred. G. Stearns,	5 50
N. Jordan,	1 00
A. Kinston,	1 50
W. B. Tuffts,	11 25
Amos Bigelow,	4 50
Oscar E. Holton,	7 65
H. W. Webster,	89 15
F. B. Holton,	59 44
O. C. Davis,	51 70
F. W. Piper,	1 80

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAYS.

Fnsel Coller, plank,	$24 00
F. V. Doolittle, plank,	56 36
R. H. Winchester, stone,	5 00
C. A. Moulton, railings and posts,	16 56
Taylor & Stebbins, chains,	1 72
W. N. Potter & Co., cement,	32 50
S. E. Ripley, plank,	22 32
M. H. Alkins, tile,	14 84
A. D. Stearns, lumber,	11 29
C. R. Nelson, lumber,	80 61
C. H. Webster,	5 68
M. T. Moore, stone,	2 00
M. R. Pierce, tile,	25 38
C. H. Green, timber,	41 87

Mrs. Gratia Adams, stone,	5 00
Geo. A. Stearns, plank,	33 20
Thos. Quinlan,	1 60
A. G. Hale, timber,	5 00
S. G. Wildes, bound stones,	1 00
David Clowes,	4 00
Melvin Wiley, sleepers,	3 00
Ct. Vt. R. R. Co., freight,	6 60
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	60
H. C. Parsons & Co.,	60
G. W. Field, stone and timber,	41 25
Eliot Lyman,	3 40
Wm. D. Alexander,	30 50
John A. Barritt, plank,	16 50
	$472 08

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

To orders on town treasurer since Feb. 10, '93, $15,677 29

By paid for poor,	$2202 18	
" " schools,	3407 69	
" " highways,	3950 51	
" " contingent,	5616 91	
By paid on town debt,	500 00	
		$15,677 29

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
HENRY C. HOLTON,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By balance previous year's account,		$3407 83
By cash R. K. Caldwell's auctioneer's license,		2 00
" Franklin County National Bank note, temporary loan,		1961 80
" R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pierson,		83 94
" Geo. A. Stearns, accoumt old school-house across the swamp,		8 00
" H. W. Montague, account rent of hall at Farms,		2 00
" Corporation tax,		1426 26
" National Bank tax,		269 15
" Military aid,		37 00
" State aid,		68 00
" State paupers,		64 75
" Haskell Dodge, account derrick, use of,		18 00
" John Eames', auctioneer's license,		2 00
To paid Franklin County National Bank note,	$2000 00	

By cash Chas. L. Robbins, account Mary Coughlin,		91 46
" Eugene A. Newcomb, Co. Treas., account dog fund,		75 81
" State Treasurer, account income Mass. school fund,		333 54
" Town of Ashby, account A. Kenaston,		7 43
" H. H. Mason, account rent of town hall,		62 00
" M. T. Moore, account 1892 tax (settled),		1599 46
" R. K. Caldwell, coll. 1893 tax,		10,000 00
To Paid selectmen's orders,	15,581 57	
To balance,	1,938 86	
	$19,520 43	$19,520 43

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10th, 1894.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1894.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	$3600 00	
Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	128 75	
Chas. L. Robbins, "	110 00	
H. C. Holton, "	86 25	
W. J. Wright, School Committee,	59 20	
L. R. Smith. " "	33 00	
Chas. L. Robbins, " "	17 50	
Outstanding orders,	340 85	
For schools, (estimated,)	1028 00	
Dr. Walker,	20 00	
		$5403 55

ASSETS.

Due from R. K. Caldwell, Collector, tax of 1893,	$2093 93	
" from Geo. J. Bacon, (error,)	27 20	
" from town of Clinton,	122 50	
" " " New Salem,	10 00	
" H. H. Mason, town hall,	13 00	
Cash in town treasury,	1938 86	
		$4205 49
Balance against the town,		$1198 06

GEO. J. BACON,
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} Selectmen of Northfield.

REPORT OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1894, $1087 17

Drawn and paid as follows:

Widow Eliza Coy,	$5 00
" Eliza Wright,	5 00
" Wm. Stevens,	10 00
" Chas. Morgan,	5 00
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00
" Mary Field,	10 00
" Fanny Field,	5 00
	$45 00

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
HENRY C. HOLTON,
} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In reviewing the work of the schools for the year now closing, we have the satisfaction of saying that the general success of the work has been good; but we are obliged to report that disappointment in some cases has met our earnest efforts to maintain uniformly efficient schools.

It has been the custom of your committee, in previous years, to give a general report rather than to speak of the schools separately, and it is in this sense we speak when we say the general success of the school work has been good. It would be a pleasure for your committee to elaborate on the good work and condition of some of our schools, while we are fully aware of the disappointment in others, yet it is hardly to be expected we could be equally successful in every case. No individual can regret this fact more keenly than do your committee.

The attendance has been good, much better than in previous years. Quite a number of scholars have not been absent or tardy through the entire year. In connection with attendance we cannot let pass without notice the fact that in some districts there seems to be a spirit of indifference in this matter. Especially is this noticeable in cases where children have reached the ages of 13 to 15, and when it should be their business to attend school regularly, but too often they are found to be very irregular in their attendance, thereby greatly interfering with the work of the schools, and cultivating habits of carelessness and indifference on the part of the scholar.

Under the present school system, with books and all supplies necessary for school work furnished out of the public funds, it would seem hardly necessary to call the attention of parents to the importance of having these older children in school, neither would it seem possible they could find any excuse for irregular attendance. The law plainly states that every person having children under their control, between the ages of 8 and 14 years, shall annually cause them to attend school 30 weeks, when school is kept that length of time, with an allowance of only two weeks for absences. It seems to be the policy of the commonwealth to offer to every child the advantages of a good education, and by the acts whereby scholars are provided with free text books, the last obstacle has been removed which prevented any from accepting this offer; but if in any case this offer is not accepted, then the school authorities are to take advantage of our compulsatory law.

There have been two schools in town the last year, of 32 weeks each, except the South Mountain district, which has had 29. Only slight repairs have been made this year on the school houses. No. 9 has received a coat of paint; No. 4 needs repairing and it is the intention of your committee to give it what repairs is necessary during the spring vacation. The other houses will need only incidental repairs. We consider them in very good condition.

We have made no change in text books the past year. Following is a list of text books used in the High school:

Arithmetic,	Bradbury & Eaton's. Wentworth's Practical High School.
Algebra,	Bradbury & Eaton's.
Geometry,	Bradbury's Elementary.

History,	Scudder's U. S. Stone's English. Swinton's General.
Civil Government,	Townsend's Shorter Course.
Geography,	Warren's Physical.
Literature,	Blaisdell's American and British Authors. Richardson's Primer.
Latin,	Harkness' first year in Latin. Harper & Tolman's Cæsar.
Physics,	Steele's Popular.
Rhetoric,	Hart's.
Physiology,	Steele's.

The three centre schools united and gave a public entertainment in the town hall, for the benefit of the schools, the result of which reflects much credit upon the scholars and the teachers having it in charge. We speak of this in our report feeling it bears no small part to the future success of our schools, for leaving out the advantage of the discipline which such an occasion gives those that take part, the disposition of the proceeds from the entertainment has been such as to be of lasting benefit to our schools, namely—the purchasing of books—and we see in it the foundation of a good school library.

In conclusion, we would recommend that there be appropriated the coming year: For schools, $2800; for repairs on school buildings, $300; for books and supplies, $300; for conveyance of scholars, $100.

W. J. WRIGHT,
L. R. SMITH,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
School Committee.

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1894.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	$2800 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text books and supplies,	300 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
		$3500 00
Massachusetts School fund,	$333 54	
Dog fund,	75 81	
Income surplus revenue,	60 00	
		$469 35
		$3969 35

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Lizzie M. Cousins, No. 1,	$240 00
Susie M. Lindsey, No. 1,	324 00
Julia A. Webster, No. 1,	192 00
Lucy V. Alexander, No. 2,	160 00
Lizzie A. Kelley, No. 3,	80 00
Mary Loring No. 3,	82 50
Emily L. Eldridge, No. 4,	75 00
Nellie R. Rixford, No. 5,	178 50
Mabel G. Field, No. 6,	126 20
Jennie B. Calahan, No. 4,	80 00
John W. Condon, No. 7,	75 00
R. A. Harris, No. 7,	97 50
Jennie S. Peirce, No. 9,	160 80
	$1871 50

FUEL.

J. P. Wentworth,	wood and labor,	No.	3,	$18 00
T. Quinlan,	"	"	" 9,	19 12
"	"	"	" 1,	11 00
"	"	"	" 9,	4 50
"	"		" 1,	4 69

W. W. Merriman, wood,	No. 5,	10 12	
Fred W. Doane, coal,	" 1,	6 50	
Ed. S. Bardwell, "	" 1,	6 45	
Chas. A. Moulton, wood and labor,	" 4,	20 00	
O. L. Leach, " "	" 4,	3 00	
E. I. Lyman, "	" 2,	21 38	
E. C. Martindale, "	" 7,	2 00	
Geo. A. Stearns, "	" 6,	8 00	
S. L. Gates, "	" 7,	22 50	
Ward Holton, "	" 3,	1 00	
F. W. Doane, coal,	" 1,	25 48	
			$183 74

REPAIRS.

F. W. Piper,	No. 6,	$6 50	
James T. Cummings,	" 1,	18 00	
Fred H. Turner,	" 9,	35 00	
"	painting blackboards,	9 45	
W. C. Reed,	No. 9,	8 74	
Fred G. Stearns,	" 9, 1, 6 and 4,	9 40	
L. R. Smith,	seats,	3 00	
Joseph Colton,	No. 1,	1 35	
Ward Holton,	" 3,	1 00	
W. M. Moore,	" 1,	1 50	
			$93 94

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

H. H. Nash, conveyance,	$31 00
Fred G. Stearns, repairs No. 9 and No. 5,	6 25
Mabel G. Field, teaching No. 6,	58 50
Thos. Quinlan, wood, No. 1,	9 50
Thos. Quinlan, wood, No. 3,	4 50
Jennie B. Calahan, teaching No. 4,	102 25
Lizzie A. Kelley, teaching No. 3,	93 85
Lizzie M. Cousins, teaching No. 1,	100 00
Jennie S. Pierce, teaching No. 9,	94 80

W. W. Merriman, wood,	2 25	
H. H. Mason, services as Janitor No. 1,	21 00	
Johnson Bros., wood, No. 7,	1 50	
Julia A. Webster, teaching No. 1,	80 00	
Susie M. Lindsey, teaching No. 1,	24 00	
S. L. Gates, wood No. 7,	19 00	
Ed. E. Holton, care No. 7,	5 20	
John W. Condon, teaching No. 7,	60 00	
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching No. 2,	72 00	
Cyril J. Lecompte, ferriages,	7 30	
Burton Coller, care No. 6,	2 70	
E. S. Bardwell, coal, No. 1,	11 90	
Willie J. Alexander, care No. 2,	3 15	
Benj. Morrison, labor, No. 7,	1 25	
		$811 90

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Lee & Shepard, books,	5 00	
Boston School Supply Co., books,	65 26	
Leach, Shewell and Sanborn, "	7 50	
Ginn & Company, "	7 65	
Silver, Burdett & Co., "	65 40	
G. and C. Merriam Co., "	8 50	
W. F. Sanders, supplies,	3 00	
American Book Co., "	6 92	
L. R. Smith, ac. Am. Ex. Co.,	2 55	
Chas. L. Robbins, supplies,	65	
		172 43

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Piper for carrying scholars across the swamp to schoolhouse, No. 6,	$57 00

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Wm. Dale, services as janitor, No. 1,	$19 20	
" " "	13 00	
		$32 20
Thos. A. Mason, " "	7 50	
" " " "	8 50	
		$16 00

M. T. Moore, cleaning and labor, No. 1,	10 00	
" " " " Nos. 9 and 3,	7 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning and labor, Nos. 1 and 2,	7 00	
		$24 00
W. J. Alexander, care No. 2,	3 50	
" " "	4 50	
		$8 00
Elizabeth Clark, cleaning No. 4,		4 00
Jennie B. Calahan, care No. 4,		5 00
Jennie S. Pierce, care No. 9,		5 00
Mabel G. Field, care No. 6,		2 50
A. C. Holton, cleaning and labor, No. 3,	2 50	
" " "	3 00	
		$5 50
Lizzie A. Kelley, care No. 3,		3 00
C. Ina Merriman, care No. 5,		2 50
Samuel Smith, care No. 7,		4 00
Mrs. James Aldrich, cleaning No. 7,		3 00
Nellie R. Rixford, care No. 5,		3 00
Mary Loring, care No. 3,		2 75
Emily L. Eldridge, care No. 4,		4 00
Walter H. Doolittle, care No. 7,		4 50
Mrs. C. A. Ross, cleaning No. 6,		2 00
Mrs. S. L. Gates, cleaning No. 7,		2 00
Benj. R. Morrison, cleaning No. 7,		3 00
Jones J. Fisher, care No. 5,		2 70
		$138 65

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	$3969 35	
Old bills paid,	811 90	
Paid teachers, two terms,	1871 50	
Fuel.	183 74	
Repairs on buildings,	93 94	
Care of buildings,	138 65	
Text books and supplies,	172 43	
Conveyance,	57 00	
		$3329 16
Expended on previous year's account,	$811 90	811 90
Expenses current year,		$2517 26
Due " " (estimated),		1028 00
		$3545 26

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
LEONARD R. SMITH,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
} Committee.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT, Feb. 17, 1894.

Number of volumes in library, last report,	3596
" " " purchased past year,	76
" " " presented " "	22
	3694
Number of families patrons of the library,	166
" " visitors who have taken books,	8
" " volumes taken by patrons,	4229
" " " " " visitors,	36
" " " " " public schools,	113

Library Committee in account with the Town of Northfield.

	Dr.
To cash on hand last report,	$10 52
" appropriation for new books,	100 00
" " " librarian and incidentals,	75 00
" amount received from fines,	9 77
" " " " visitors,	1 80
	$197 09

1893.	Cr.
May 24 By paid L. W. Rice, rebinding books,	$7 40
" " " " express on books returned,	25
June 17 " " freight " new books,	50
" 22 " " express " two new books,	25
July 3 " " Suppl. Catalogues and express,	5 50
" 10, " " Labels,	50
" 31, " " Balch Brothers, new books,	30 00
" " " " S. E. Bridgeman & Co., new books,	70 55
" " " " Postage,	06
Aug. 3, " " Clapp & Jones, covering paper,	1 50
1894.	
Feb. 17, By Paid Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge, librarian,	60 00
" " " " Incidentals,	2 60
" " " " Cash on hand,	17 98
	$197 09

DR. R. C. WARD,
DR. N. P. WOOD,
CAPT. C. C. DUNCAN,
} Library Committee.